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In re Patent Application of

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For: HEMOSTATIC DEVICE

) **MAIL STOP**
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("Statement")
accompanies the Notice of Allowability issued on October 20, 2008 in the above-
identified application. This paper is filed to clarify the record regarding comments in
the Statement.

It is understood that the comments in the Statement are not intended as a
verbatim extraction of the language in the allowed independent claims of this
application. For example, the Statement refers to the curve disposed between the
main balloon on the first end of the curved plate and the middle of the curved plate.
It is apparent that this is simply a typographical error or an unintended oversight as
this is not what the independent claims define. Rather, the independent claims recite
that the curved plate possesses a curved portion between the center portion of the
curved plate and the first end of the curved plate.

Applicants submit that the comments in the Statement should not be
understood to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything
different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Should the Examiner have any question regarding this matter or should the Examiner disagree in any way with the comments set forth herein, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact the undersigned so that such matter can be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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